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FRENCH SMASHING THE GERMAN LINES

Capture Front Line and Other Trenches and Take 1,500 Prisoners North of the Somme

GERMANS UNABLE TO STAY VICIOUS THRUST

French Took Three and Three-Quarters Miles of First Line Trenches—Later East and Southeast of Combles They Seized Additional Trenches Along the Bethune-Peronne Road—Bulgarians Are Falling Back Before the British and French—Bulgarians Are Said to Have Evacuated Kavala—Berlin Reports Further Progress for the German and Bulgarian Forces in the Dobrudja Region of Eastern Rumania—Repulse of Russian Attacks in East Galicia and on the Lower Stokhod River Are Claimed by Berlin.

Resuming their offensive to the north of the Somme river in France, the French forces have again smashed the German line, captured front line and other trenches and taken about 1,500 prisoners. The new attacks, coming after several days of comparative calm in the region where for weeks past violent fighting had been in progress, were made on the front of the town of Combles to the river. So violently was the thrust of the French that it required only half an hour for them to overcome the resistance of the Germans and make themselves master of three and three-quarters miles of first line trenches. Later east and southeast of Combles they seized additional trenches along the Bethune-Peronne road, which leads from Peronne northward through Bapaume and Arras to Bethune, placing a serious impediment in the way of the Germans for the movement of their transports from the north of Peronne and making the French position north of the Peronne extremely dangerous. On the British end of the front and on the remainder of the line held by the French only minor attacks took place. All along the Macedonian front the heavy offensive of the entente allies continues. Bulgarian trenches in a front of two miles and a depth of eight hundred yards are reported by Paris to have been captured by the French west of the Yvarde river, near Majadah, which lies about four miles south of the town of Giverville. On the Struma front the British, aided by the French, have made additional gains east of the river in the Lake Kalkins region. The army of the Teutonic allies is declared to have suffered heavy casualties in the latter engagement. Unofficial reports are to the effect that the Bulgarians have evacuated the town of Kavala on the Aegean sea, which they captured in August. While the presence of entente allies only half an hour for them to overcome the resistance of the Germans and make themselves master of three and three-quarters miles of first line trenches. Berlin reports further progress for the German and Bulgarian forces in the Dobrudja region of Eastern Rumania. The usual rumors regarding the repulse of Russian attacks in East Galicia and on the lower Stokhod river in Russia have been repeated by the German press. The Austro-Hungarian theatre, The Turks and Russians are still at grips in Asiatic Turkey, with both sides claiming successes.

PRESIDENT EXCHANGED CALLS WITH MEXICAN COMMISSIONERS

Discussed Future Relations Between the United States and Mexico.

New London, Conn., Sept. 12.—President Wilson lent his personal presence today to the American-Mexican joint commission in seeking a permanent foundation of sympathy and understanding on which may rest the future relations of the United States and Mexico. Putting aside for an hour his own cares and his duty as president, Mr. Wilson exchanged calls with General Carranza's representatives. It was the first time the executive had done personally with a representative of the Mexican de facto government and the significance of the fact was not lost on the commissioners. For the first time also representatives of General Carranza received directly from the man in whose hands perhaps lies the fate of their country his statement of sympathy with the aims of the revolution which has torn Mexico. The regeneration of the stricken nation must come from within, Mr. Wilson said; and in answer for his colleagues and himself, Luis Cabrera, Carranza's minister of finance and chairman of the Mexican delegation, asserted that his country was struggling toward the light of free and democratic government. Mr. Wilson said he stressed, it was learned, on the point as to the present conference upon which both Secretary Lansing and Secretary Lane centered their remarks at the first meeting of the commission in New York, and the property of American lives and property in Mexico. The president said he hoped the commission would be successful in finding a solution for its problems which would insure the security of Americans, not only along the border, but in any part of Mexico.

UNITED FRENCH SOCIETIES MEET NEXT IN WILLIMANTIC

Alexis Caisse of Willimantic Elected President in Session at New Britain

New Britain, Conn., Sept. 12.—The United French societies of Connecticut at their biennial convention here today elected the following officers: President, Alexis Caisse, Willimantic; secretary, Charles H. Adams, Willimantic; treasurer, Pierre Bouleau, of Danielson. The next convention will be held at Willimantic. ARRESTED FOR FORGERY AMOUNTING TO \$5,500 Daniel Levey, Owner of Race Horses, Had Been Trained for 18 Months. Pittsfield, Mass., Sept. 12.—Daniel Levey, alias "F. J. Chase" of New York, owner of race horses, was arrested today for the Pittsburgh, Pa., police on a charge of forgery amounting to \$5,500. Additional forgery charges total \$14,000. Detective have been trailing Levey for 18 months.

Rev. Arthur Hartwell, of Jamaica, Vt., 46 Years Old, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Jamaica, Mass., as a result of poison, self-administered

Three Killed in Powder Explosion. Fair Chance, Pa., Sept. 12.—The press mill of the Dupont Powder company's plant at Old Fort, near here, blew up this afternoon. Only a human foot was found of the three men at work in the mill.

Cabled Paragraphs

Four of Crew of Norwegian Steamer Missing.

Penzance, England, Sept. 12, 9:38 p. m.—The Norwegian steamer Polynesia has been sunk and the captain and 23 men of her crew landed here. Four other members of the crew are missing.

Spanish Steamer Sunk—Crew Saved. London, Sept. 12, 9:28 p. m.—The sinking of the Spanish steamer Lloya, of Almeria, has been reported by the Spanish Agency. Her crew was saved by the Dutch steamer Krakatau, of Amsterdam. Lloya also reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Furu, of 2,020 gross tons, of Bergen, and Fredavore, of 1,615 gross tons, of Farsund.

RESULTS OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN VARIOUS STATES

Former Governor Blease of South Carolina Defeated.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 12.—Nearly complete returns tonight from South Carolina's "run-off" democratic primary indicated that Governor Richard I. Manning was re-elected over former Governor Cole L. Blease by a majority estimated at between 3,000 and 7,000 votes. With about 12,000 votes reported out of a registration of 150,000, Manning had 67,467 and Blease 62,890.

Result in Vermont.

Burlington, Vt., Sept. 12.—The return of Carroll S. Page to the United States senate was indicated tonight when returns from about 40 per cent of the voting precincts of the state gave the Vermont senator a vote considerably larger than the combined totals of his two opponents, Governor Charles W. Gates of Franklin and former Governor John C. Cabot of Cavendish. The figures were: Page, 7,767; Fletcher, 3,183; Gates, 2,363.

Georgia's Statewide Democratic Primary

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—Early returns from the statewide democratic primary in Georgia today showed Hugh M. Pringle, the prosecutor in the Leo M. Frank case, ahead of his three opponents in the race for the gubernatorial nomination.

Florida Prohibitionists Endorse Democrats.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 12.—All democratic nominees for congressional and state offices, with the exception of Representative Clark of the Third district, and the candidate for chief justice, were endorsed today by the Florida state prohibition convention.

Early Returns from Colorado Primary.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 12.—Early scattering returns from Colorado's primary election tonight showed that Dr. Nicholson of Leadville leading Governor George A. Carlson for the republican nomination in Denver, while the governor is running stronger out in the state.

HUGHES' LAST SPEECH OF FIRST CAMPAIGN TRIP.

Tells Audience He Comes as Spokesman of a Reunited Republican Party.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Charles E. Hughes, in the last speech of his first presidential campaign trip, as he tonight before a crowd of 10,000 people, declared that the result in Maine had proved the republican party was reunited. He declared that he would not "change his plans or aims." Persons in the audience took the reference to a criticism of the methods pursued in conducting the present campaign and applauded the nominee vigorously. The usual rumors regarding the repulse of Russian attacks in East Galicia and on the lower Stokhod river in Russia have been repeated by the German press. The Austro-Hungarian theatre, The Turks and Russians are still at grips in Asiatic Turkey, with both sides claiming successes.

PROHIBITION PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE TO VISIT STATE

Plainfield and Willimantic Among the Towns on Schedule.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 12.—Word was received at the headquarters of the prohibition state central committee today that Frank J. Hanly, the party's presidential candidate, will swing through Connecticut on Saturday, October 28. Leaving Attleboro, Mass., he will make a special train to Plainfield, N. J., where he will make stops at Plainfield, New Britain, Meriden, New Haven, Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford. On the train also will be members of the Hanly party who are touring the country in behalf of the party ticket.

NO FIXED POLICY FOR RECALL OF GUARDSMEN

They Are to be Brought Home as Soon as They Can be Spared.

Washington, Sept. 12.—To set at rest rumors the various units of the national guard soon were to be withdrawn from the border, Secretary Baker reiterated today that there was no fixed policy regarding the maintenance of the state troops there and that the length of their stay depended on the status of the border situation. He said they would be brought home as soon as they could be spared without increasing the danger to life and property in the border section.

SALARY INCREASE FOR RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

Will Be Applied to the Fiscal Year of 1915.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Salary increases for rural mail carriers, provided for under the last post office bill, will be applied to the fiscal year of 1915. Postmaster-General Burleson obtained authorization from the comptroller of the treasury today for use of the unexpended balance of the 1915 appropriation as back-pay to carriers to make up the difference between the new scale and the one then effective.

FAIRBANKS SUFFERS ATTACK OF INDIGESTION

While Addressing a Large Audience at Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 12.—Charles Fairbanks, republican vice presidential candidate, suffered an attack of indigestion tonight while addressing a large audience at the auditorium here. He was taken to his hotel and was compelled to quit speaking for several hours. During the interval many people left the building. Fairbanks recovered in an ante-room. Mr. Fairbanks finished his speech.

Legalized Vote For Border Militia

ACTION AT SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

\$100,000 FOR FAMILIES

Mileage Bill Called for \$5,587.50—For Expenses Incident to the Session

\$100,000 Additional Was Voted—Adjourned at 5 p. m.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 12.—The general assembly, in the first special session since the days of Governor Burleigh in 1864, today passed legislation of an emergency character which specifically provided that Connecticut national guardsmen who are in federal service on the Mexican border may, if they are absent from home for more than the November election, not only for federal officers, but for state officers. Their votes will be collected by two commissioners to be appointed by Governor Marcus H. Holcomb.

\$100,000 For Relief of Dependents.

Another measure appropriated \$100,000 for relief of the dependents of the militia men, should such aid be applied for, the towns and cities to make disbursements under proper safeguards and the state comptroller to reimburse for such relief funds.

Legislators Put in a Long Day.

These two measures were the principal items of business, although some time was required to set legislative machinery in motion, to provide for enforcement of bills, to authorize payment of mileage, and to authorize the state auditor to receive and disburse the same. In the afternoon, the legislature adjourned at 5 p. m.

A Nation-Wide Search.

A nation-wide search was begun for Arthur Waltonen, self-confessed murderer of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, a New York widow, who was strangled to death in her home and money and jewelry to the value of \$68,000 stolen. A search in the house was sentenced to the electric chair. Friends interceded and his sentence was commuted last month to life imprisonment.

Strangled the Woman.

The night of September 17, 1915, according to the confession Waltonen is said to have made to the police, he and three other men entered the house of Mrs. Nichols, through the aid of one of her servants. Onni Talas strangled the woman and made away with jewelry and money, according to the confession. The men escaped and police suspicion rested on the servant. Talas was finally arrested and strong circumstantial evidence led to his conviction.

President to Return TO SHADOW LAWN TODAY.

Mrs. Howe May Linger in Her Present Condition for Several Days.

New London, Conn., Sept. 12.—President Wilson decided tonight to return to his summer home, Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, N. J., tomorrow morning. He was advised by physicians attending his wife, Mrs. Anna E. Howe, who is critically ill here, and constantly under the influence of opiates, that he might linger in her present condition for several days. The president is said to have a definite turn for the worse in Mrs. Howe's condition.

A SO-CALLED "ARSON TRUST" UNEARTHED IN BOSTON

Thus Far 92 Persons Have Been Indicted—Set Fire to Dwellings.

Boston, Sept. 12.—Twenty-two secret indictments, charging arson, were returned today as a result of an extensive investigation into the activities of a so-called "arson trust" in this city. Thus far 92 persons have been indicted since the investigation was started some months ago. It is alleged that as tenants they set fire to dwellings in order to obtain insurance on household effects.

COASTWISE LINES WANT SAME PRIVILEGES AS RAILROADS

If the Latter Are Permitted to Put in Effect Higher Tariffs.

New York, Sept. 12.—Withdrawal of the coastwise lines from competition of the railroads has been the subject of a bill introduced in the New Haven and the Boston and Albany Railroad companies. The bill would permit the coastwise lines to put in effect higher tariffs in place of existing proportional and trans-shipment rates, according to Dr. Lewis, general freight agent of the Clyde and Mallory lines. Testifying here today at the Interstate Commerce Commission investigation into the proposed changes, Mr. Lewis said an increase by the railroads would mean an increase all along the line.

ORDER OF RED MEN NOT TO MEET NEXT YEAR

In Order That Larger Appropriations May Be Made Among States.

Wildwood, N. J., Sept. 12.—The great council of the United States, Improved Order of Red Men, at its session today decided to meet next year in order that larger appropriations might be made among various states. The 1918 meeting will be held in Hot Springs, Ark. V. A. G. Rutherford of Tennessee, was elected great chief of the order.

Confessed Murder of a Year Ago

STRANGLED A NEW YORK WIDOW AND STOLE \$28,000.

WRONG MAN CONVICTED

Arthur Waltonen, Self-Confessed Murderer of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, Recognized in a Barber Shop in Waukegan, Ill.

Ironwood, Mich., Sept. 12.—Arthur Waltonen, alias John Lind, 12, was arrested here today for the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, a New York widow, who was strangled to death in her home and money and jewelry to the value of \$68,000 stolen. A search in the house was sentenced to the electric chair. Friends interceded and his sentence was commuted last month to life imprisonment.

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Condensed Telegrams

The British steamer Lexie has been sunk.

Vice President Marshall left St. Louis for Joplin, Mo.

Colorado's first snow of the season is falling at Leadville.

The schools of New York city will open Monday, Sept. 25th.

The Cunard Line steamship Orpinda arrived at New York from Liverpool.

Fire destroyed the buildings of the Pacific Steel Products Co., at a loss of \$150,000.

Shipments of fresh and cured meats from Chicago last week totaled 45,784,000 lbs.

Fire damaged a large dairy barn on the estate of Seth Low, formerly mayor of New York.

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